

COMMUNITY-SCALE COMPOST GRANTS

The Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board (MSWAB),
Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer,
and Citizens Committee for New York City
invite you to apply for a grant to start, expand,
and grow composting programs!



www.citizensnyc.org/grants/composting-grant

Eligibility Requirements:

- Submit grant application by March 23, 2018
- Must be a community association, community garden, friends of park group, housing development group, nonprofit, school, college/university, hospital, or private business
- Must be located within the five boroughs of New York City

Available Funds:

Small grants, ranging from \$100-\$750 will be available to awardees

Applications:

Send completed proposal to kgrassle@citizensnyc.org no later than March 23, 2018

Questions?

For more information, please contact Katie Grassle at 212-822-9567 or kgrassle@citizensnyc.org. Grants will be announced by April 21, 2018

Grant Restrictions

Funds should be used for building or purchasing equipment and tools for a compost system as well as signage or other resources for community outreach. **Funds cannot be used for** planning or personnel expenses. Awardees must assume all liability for their projects and sign an agreement governing the project.

Selection Criteria

- Completeness of application in which all questions are adequately answered
- Ability to recreate the project in other neighborhoods
- Ability to educate target audience about the value of composting
- Ability to quantitatively track outcomes of the initiative (roughly measure the amount of food scraps diverted)
- Ability to financially sustain the initiative/present a cost-effective model
- Ability to implement project, i.e., site permissions, track record of group

2018 City-Wide Community-Scale Composting Grant
Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB) & Citizens Committee for New York City

Background

The Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board (MSWAB), a citizen advisory board appointed jointly by Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and New York City Council members representing districts in Manhattan, announces its 7th Annual Community-Scale Composting Grant to provide funding assistance for community, small-scale organic waste diversion initiatives across the city in 2018.

The SWAB membership consists of individuals from community boards, recycling and carting industries, environmental organizations, property owners, tenant organizations and members of the general public. The MSWAB advises the Manhattan Borough President, City Council and City administration regarding the development, promotion and operation of the city's recycling program. Recommendations for the city's recycling program include methods to encourage greater participation, educate the public and increase waste diversion rates.

Citizens Committee for New York City works with a wide network of grassroots groups across the five boroughs, supporting resident-led groups working in low-income neighborhoods undertaking projects addressing issues that they identify as important to them. In 2017, we awarded over \$1.9 million in grants and services and provided hundreds of hours of skills-building workshops and project-planning assistance to 451 resident-led groups. In addition to grants, Citizens Committee provides resources, workshops, and project planning assistance to resident-led groups from across New York City.

The Manhattan SWAB, the Manhattan Borough President's Office, and the Citizens Committee believe that organic waste diversion is central to the City's goal of [zero waste](#) to landfills and incinerators by 2030. We believe that we can reinforce this goal through this grant program in supporting community based groups to compost in their communities, diverting organic waste and in the process reaching members of their community and providing an invaluable education service to familiarize New York City residents with the concepts and benefits of local management of our organic waste.

Properly managed, the small-scale local processing of organic materials produces compost, a natural soil amendment, and delivers many environmental benefits to communities. Compost increases the nutrient content and moisture retention of soil and eliminates the need for chemical fertilizers. Diverting organics from landfills also reduces the production of methane (a potent greenhouse gas) and leachate, a potential fresh water contaminate. Additionally, local organics separation and diversion can spur business opportunities, such as pedal powered micro-haulers and reduce costs associated with bagged landfill waste litter and cleanup.

Since its inception in 2011 the program has granted over \$158,197 to 216 groups to undertake composting projects in their neighborhoods in all five boroughs.

Grant Goals

- Provide funding assistance for community, small-scale organic waste diversion initiative in all five boroughs
- Encourage initiatives that utilize environmentally preferable alternatives to long-distance waste export while also protecting our water bodies from excessive nutrient loading
- Promote initiatives that generate soil amendments for gardens, parks, street trees, landscaping and/or are marketed as a product

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Grassle at 212.822.9567 or kgrassle@citizensnyc.org. All selections will be made solely by the members of the Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB) and Citizens Committee, and awards will be announced by **April 21, 2018**.

Application

Section 1: General Information

1. What is the name of your group or school?
2. What is your project's name (if any)?
3. Please list **two** contact names for your group, including primary phone numbers and emails.
Contact 1 Name: Contact 1 Phone #: Contact 1 Email:

Contact 2 Name: Contact 2 Phone #: Contact 2 Email:
4. What is your group's mailing address? (You must be able to receive mail at this address).
5. Is the mailing address in the neighborhood in which the group works? If not, list an address in this neighborhood. (Mail will not be sent there).

Section 2: Tell Us More About Your Group

1. In what neighborhood(s) and borough(s) does your group work?
2. When was your group formed – month and year?
3. If your group is new, is this the first project it is undertaking?
4. If your group is affiliated with a staffed organization, what is the name of that organization?
5. Does your group have 501(c)(3) status? (*Note: groups are not required to have this status to receive a grant. If your group's 501(c)(3) application is pending, please state that.*)
6. If your group is on the web (Facebook, website, blogs, etc.), please list the URLs.
7. Has your group received a grant from Citizens Committee in the past? If yes, what year(s)?
8. Please briefly describe your group's purpose, history, and accomplishments (maximum: two short paragraphs).
9. List your neighborhood's...
Council District #:

Community Board #:

State Senate District #:

Assembly District #::

Congressional District #::

If you do not know the above information, please visit <http://maps.nyc.gov/doitt/nycitymap/> to find your elected officials.

Section 5: Project Budget

1. Tell us how much your project will cost and how much your group is requesting. Please detail all cash expenses related to your project. Please keep in mind that expenses can only relate to building a compost system or expanding a system. Food cannot be covered by the grant.

| Item | Cost | Quantity | Total |
|-----------------------------------------|------|----------|-------|
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Total Budget: | | | |
| Total Amount Requested from CCNYC/SWAB: | | | |

Please do not request more than the maximum of \$750.

2. Would Citizens Committee/SWAB be the only funders for this project? If not, what other organizations do you expect funding from?

How did you hear about the Compost Grant? *Please note that your response does not influence our decision about your application.*

- Borough President
- Blog *(What blog?)*
- City Agency *(Which agency?)*
- Community Board
- Community Council
- Community event
- Community organization *(What organization?)*
- Friend/Colleague
- Elected official
- Internet *(What site?)*
- Newspaper *(What newspaper?)*
- Radio/Television *(What station?)*
- Word of mouth
- Other *(Describe!)*

FUNDING COVER SHEET

NOTE: This cover sheet must be completed by all organizations requesting funding from the Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board, the Manhattan Borough President and Citizens Committee for New York City. Please return this cover sheet and Proposal to: kgrassle@citizensnyc.org

SUBMISSIONS MAY BE HAND DELIVERED, POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY 5PM ON MARCH 23, 2018. MAILING AND DELIVERY ADDRESS IS CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR NEW YORK, ATTN: KATIE GRASSLE, 77 WATER STREET, SUITE 202 NEW YORK, NY 10005

Section A. Organization Information

Legal Name of Organization or Name of Fiscal Conduit _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Community Board of Org. _____ Neighborhood of Org. _____

Org. Website _____ Org. Email _____ Organization Phone _____

Size of Organization: The organization's budget for its current fiscal year is \$ _____

Contact Person

Name _____ Title _____ Telephone _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Secondary Contact:

Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Section B. Program/Project Information

Program/Project Title _____

Program Implementation Dates _____

Amount Requested \$ _____

Section C. Certification of Authorization to Submit and Application Completeness

I certify that:

- *I am authorized by the organization seeking funding to complete and submit this request for funding on behalf of the organization;*
- *I took reasonable steps to make sure that the information on this form is complete, true, and accurate.*

I/we understand that we will be required to submit a final report to Citizens Committee at the end of the grant cycle

Authorized Official: Signature

Date

Authorized Official: Print Name

Title